

Illumination: transport of energy from light sources to surfaces and points via direct & indirect paths.

Lighting: computing intensity reflected from 3D point in scene.

Shading: assigning pixel colours

Illumination Models:

- Empirical: simple approximations to observed phenomena.
- Physically-based: model actual physics of light interactions.

Angular Attenuation:

$$f_{l,angatten} = \begin{cases} 1.0, & \text{if source is not a spotlight} \\ 0.0, & \text{if } \mathbf{V}_{obj} \cdot \mathbf{V}_{light} = \cos \alpha < \cos \theta_l \\ (\mathbf{V}_{obj} \cdot \mathbf{V}_{light})^{\alpha_l}, & \text{(object is outside the spotlight cone) otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Lighting Model:

- *Diffuse* component for the amount of incoming light reflected equally in all directions

$$\begin{aligned} I_{l,diff} &= k_d I_{l,incident} \\ &= k_d I_l \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

- *Specular* component for the amount of light reflected in a mirror-like fashion

$$I_{l,spec} = \begin{cases} k_s I_l (\mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{R})^{n_s}, & \text{if } \mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{R} > 0 \text{ and } \mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{L} > 0 \\ 0.0, & \text{if } \mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{R} < 0 \text{ and } \mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{L} \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

- Specular reflection is both dependent on the light direction, surface orientation, and **viewer position**

- Ambient term to approximate light arriving via other surfaces

$$k_a I_a$$

Ideal diffuse reflector : *Lambertian* reflector

You can combine ambient and diffuse as the following equation

$$I_{l,diff} = \begin{cases} k_a I_a + k_d I_l (\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{L}), & \text{if } \mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{L} > 0 \\ k_a I_a, & \text{if } \mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{L} \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{L} = \frac{\mathbf{P}_{source} - \mathbf{P}_{surface}}{|\mathbf{P}_{source} - \mathbf{P}_{surface}|}$$

Ideal Specular Reflector: $\mathbf{R} = 2(\mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{N})\mathbf{N} - \mathbf{L}$

Using these coefficients and Fresnel's Laws of Reflection we can write the Phong specular reflection model as

$$I_{spec} = W(\theta) I_l \cos^{n_s} \phi$$

most common lighting model in computer graphics:

$$I_{specular} = k_s I_{light} \cos^{n_{shiny}} \phi$$

Specular Reflection Speedup:

- Specular Reflection (Phong Model):

$$I_{\text{specular}} = k_s I_{\text{light}} (\mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{R})^{\text{shiny}}$$

- Modified Phong Model:

$$I_{\text{specular}} = k_s I_{\text{light}} (\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{H})^{\text{shiny}}$$

You can combine ambient and specular as the following equation

$$\begin{aligned} I &:= I_{\text{diff}} + I_{\text{spec}} \\ &= k_a I_a + k_d I_l (\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{L}) + k_s I_l (\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{H})^{\text{shiny}} \end{aligned}$$

Multiple light sources:

$$I = k_a I_a + \sum_{i=1}^n I_{l_i} [k_d (\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{L}_i) + k_s (\mathbf{N} \cdot \mathbf{H}_i)^{\text{shiny}}]$$

Polygon Rendering Methods

- Constant intensity rendering:

- No interpolation.
- Also called “flat shading”



- Intensity interpolation rendering:

- “Gouraud shading”
- Based on intensity interpolation of vertices.



- Normal vector interpolation rendering:

- “Phong shading”
- Based on interpolation of normal vectors of vertices.



Flat Shading:

- Advantages:
 - Fast - one shading value per polygon
 - Works well for objects really made of flat faces (polyhedron).
- Disadvantages:
 - Inaccurate
 - Discontinuities at polygon boundaries

Gouraud Shading:

- Advantages:
 - Fast - incremental calculations when rasterizing
 - Much smoother - use one normal per shared vertex to get continuity between faces
- Disadvantages:
 - Specularities get lost

Phong Interpolation:

- Advantages:
 - High quality, narrow specularities
- Disadvantages:
 - Expensive
 - Still an approximation for most surfaces